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A  
Faithful and Loving  
WARNING  
TO  
All People,  
To Turn to The  
LORD,  
WHILE THEIR  
DAY OF SALVATION Lasts.  
*Chiefly Intended for the In-  
habitants of the Town*  
FALMOUTH.

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## *A Faithful and Loving Warn- ing, &c.*

**W**HEN I seriously consider how the Generalitie of Mankind is exercised, and their Hearts fet upon the Pleasures and Treasures, Pumps and Valo- glory of this perishing World; and how few there are, who set their Faces towards *Zion*, and of those few, how many like *Israel* of old, sit short of the at- tainment, and perish in the Wilderness; I have been ready to say within my self, What is become of that Ancient Faith and Fervour, spoken of *Heb. 11*. Hath it forsaken the Earth, or is Righteousness, according to the old Poets, fled hence to Heaven?

**H**A TH Lust and Looseness, Force and Fraud, Pride and Covetousness, took Possession of Peoples Minds? And doth it appear in the Practice of those call'd Christians, and Reformed ones too, where Scripture and Religion, and Resurrection, and Eter- nal Life, are professed and talked of, tho' God knows little practiced or sought after? This becomes Cause of Lamentation and Mourning to such as fear the Lord; and we may say with the Prophet, *Will not the Lord visit such a Nation as this?* Yet hath he (in so great a Degeneracy) reserved a little Remnant, and it may be more then we think of, who dare not bow the knee to *Baal*, nor worship his Image; of which number (I question not, but) he hath some also amongst you, and it may be under sundry Professions.



or Forms of Religion, who are *seeking the Kingdom of God, and the Righteousness thereof.*

**T**O such I hope, This my Letter will be acceptable; and I desire nothing more than that it may tend to their Edification and Establishment in the Path of pure and undefiled Religion, that they may go forward in the Ways of Godliness without Apostacy or Fainting; and may not only run well for a season, but so run, that they may obtain the Crown of Everlasting Life.

**A**S for others, who like *Ahab* have sold themselves to work Iniquity, I can expect no other treatment from them than our elder Brethren met with, to be Scorned, and Ridiculed; and to become as *David*, the Song of the Drunkard, whilst those it may be, who pretend to more Learning and Gravity (the old Painted *Sepulchers*) shall say, these Considerations are the Effect of Enthusiasm and Melancholy, and are Dangerous for People to Read or Look over.

**S**O L O M O N tells us, there is no Thing new under the Sun, for the Scriptures themselves in vulgar Tongues were thus Esteemed Dangerous an Age or two since, and are so reckoned to this Day, by a Generation of Men, who have scored out Morals, as if their design were to fill Hell and Debauch Mankind.

**W**H A T E V E R Treatment or Censure this my small Endeavour may meet with, I am resolved in the strength the Lord shall bestow upon me, to go through with it, and neither to be Mocked nor Frightened out of the Performance of that Duty which I owe to the Great and Almighty God, and to my Neighbours, Friends and Relations.

**N**O W notwithstanding the Great Degeneracy aforesaid and Backslidings of the Children of Men, God hath not wholly withdrawn his Love, but doth secretly



secretly by his Spirit, Reprove, Admonish, and sometimes with-hold Man from sinning against him; sometimes bringing a Fear and Dread upon his Mind, and sometimes lets him (before) see what Shame and Confusion, Wickedness will bring in the end of it; Thus God speaks Once, yea Twice, but Man regardeth not.

**B U T** if we set our selves Diligently to Look into our own Hearts, we may see how the Lord works there, in order to bring back our Souls from Death, to be enlightned with the Light of the Living. This is the Day of God's Favour, and the Acceptable Year of the Lord, if any poor Souls find the Grace of God thus Pleading with them, they may be assured the Door of Mercy is not yet Shut, but if they will yet Turn to the Lord, He will wash them in the Blood of Jesus, and make them clean Through his Word.

I would have you read over the First of *Isaiab*; you may see how greatly *Israel* was degenerated, and gone astray from the Lord; yet he still called on them in his Love, to put away the Evil of their Doings, to learn to do well; *Then though their Sins were as Scarlet, they should be as Snow.*

**T H E R E F O R E** I would have none go on Desperately in an evil Course of Life, and say, I cannot do otherwise, I must live in Subjection to my carnal Appetites, Lust of the Flesh, Lust of the Eye, or Pride of Life, will have Dominion over me as long as I Live.

**W H E R E V E R** any are thus resolved, they are under a Misperwasion by the Delusions and Power of Satan; For where People meet with Convictions in their Spirits, and Reproofs or Warnings from the Lord, God's Grace, Love or Favour, is not wholly Extinguished in such a Soul, Tho' it be grieved or pressed, as a Cart with Sheaves,

IT was therefore on such as these the Prophets of the Lord, by Direction of his Spirit did often call: They were sometimes to Cry aloud and not to spare, to shew Israel his Transgression, and the house of Jacob his sin; and the Spirit of God is the same, and it Works the same this day as of Old.

IT is said; Isa. 55. 9. Seek the Lord while he may be found, and call upon him whilst he is near. It is good for all to Observe this, That there is a time when the Lord will be found, and a time when he will not be found.

TO Day (it was said in David) if you will hear his voice harden not your hearts, There were some who so long neglected the day of his Loving Invitation, that they were at last excluded from his Rest.

THESE things considered, I make it my Humble Request, in Neighbourly and Brotherly Love, that you may in this your Day, mind those things, and practice them that relate to the Everlasting Peace of your Souls; do not defer Repentance or Amendment of Life, and turning to the Lord with all your Hearts, Souls and Spirits, that so he that made you may have Mercy on you.

BUT some may be ready to say, This Advice is too general; we want to know what those particular Sins are we must Turn from, or what it is that may be principally charged upon us. As for me, I charge no particular, and I would rather every one should ask their own Consciences, than of me or any other, what they must part from: But because some are nearly scared, and others are lulled asleep in Carnal Security, I may take the Boldness to answer a little.

**FIRST** when I say, you must turn from all Sin, or else you will never Turn to the Lord; 'Tis of kin to *Namun's* Religion that would serve the Lord; but he must needs excuse his Bowing to *Rimmon*; so he that will not steal, yet will be drunk; or he that will not bear False-Witness, yet secretly Indulge Filthiness or uncleanness; can never be acceptable to God. But to be more particular, I Counsel and Exhort, beware of that great Sin of Pride; it's reckoned the First of those Seven Things which the Lord hates.

**THE** Providence of God hath almost to a Wonder bestowed on most of you great Increase of the Things of this World. Many are they that from small Beginnings, are risen up to large Estates, and to make a Figure in the World; and I would you may be of *Jacob's* Mind, *Gen. 30. 10.* I am sure these things were never given us only to Exalt our selves to get Esteem and Vain-glory by; and those who make no other use of them, will sometime find this of the Apostle verified, *Howl, oh ye rich Men, James. to the 6th Verse.*

**THE** way to avoid a Vice is to Practice its Opposite Vertue; Therefore I recommend Humility as pleasing to God; and I would it may appear in your Behaviour, in your Speeches, Looks, Houses and Habits; that those Topping Flesh-pleasing Dresse which many are fallen into, and are drawing others into by their Examples, may be utterly cast off and Trampled under Foot. Oh! but says some, thou art mistaken here my Friend, the Pride is not in the Dress but in the Heart.

**IT** may be so for ought I know, but this I am sure of, it would not be in the Dress, if it were not for



Heart; and if thou wilt not take my word, That God is displeased Therewith, read over the 3d of *Isaiah*, and thou mayst see at large what he said in that case.

**NEITHER** do I seek to bind up Humility to a plain Suit; I know a seeming humble Habit, may have a haughty Heart, and therefore I would the Mind may be subjected to Christ's Yoke, that the Inside may be made clean, and I doubt not but the Outside will soon follow.

**MANY** more are the cursed fruits that flow from this root of Pride; as Wars, Strife, Emulations, wearing, Presumptuous Forgetfulness of God; which all tend to draw Mankind down into the Pit of Perdition and Destruction, and might more particularly be spoken to; But I see the Bulk of this grows beyond that of an ordinary Letter.

**HOWEVER** this I shall say, away with all haughtiness of Mind and Spirit, and then there will be no more stretched out Necks, mincing Gates and speech, supercilious Looks, and mischievous endeavouring to Trip up one another through Height and Ambition, but you will live like Neighbours, and agree like Brethren, and be Patterns of Plainness one to another.

**I N** short, Pride is the Sin of Devils, that which cast down exalted *Lucifer*, it marrs good Neighbourhood amongst Men, turning them into *Tygers*, *Wolves* and *Peacocks*; God abhors it, Men of all sorts loathe it, the bad in all but themselves, the good most of all in themselves; it may sometimes amongst the foolish, seem to get Esteem and Deference, but it certainly looses true Love and Respect, with such as  
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are Wise : But above all, it leads People out of the Ways of God, and Centers them (at last) under his Eternal Wrath, where the Worm will never dye, nor Fire ever go out.

W H E R E A S true Humility engages People in an Earnest and Zealous seeking after the Lord, submitting to his Will, and to be resigned to his Providence; not setting it self up above others, nor boasts of its Wit, Wealth, Parts, Person or Family; but if it hath any Excellency, returns God the Glory, and knows there is nothing belongs to it wherewith to pride it self, but walking daily in God's holy Fear, and in Peace and good Will with all Mankind after a short *Transition* o'er the Stage of this World, is surely landed at last in that everlasting Kingdom of Peace and Joy, where the Proud and the Ungodly shall never molest them, but they shall for ever Praise the Lord, World with out End.

T H E next Vice that was said to draw down the Wrath of Almighty God upon *Sodom*, was Idleness.

P R A Y see a little and consider, whether you can in the View of him, who sees our most secret Thoughts, clear your Consciences of this crying Sin, which must be, I fear, more severely accounted for, than many poor Souls are aware of.

G O D hath been graciously pleased to give us Time in this World; he hath a long while held his Hand not visiting us with Contagious and sweeping Diseases, by which many Poor Creatures have sometime been hurried into Eternity as it were by surprise how long he may lengthen out our Tranquillity himself only knows; but its sure we do not deserve this Favour of his Toleration and abundant Patience.

ence; yet since the Lord bestows it, let us I pray you, enquire what he gives it for, and what Use we put it to.

I hope all will acknowledge, of all Sects and Perswasions (how different soever in other Matters) That the Time God gives, is given to us to work out our Salvation in; to be concerned about those Things that relate to our Eternal Peace and Well-being; that is, to seek the Kingdom of God and its Righteousness, at least in the first or principal Place.

IF I thought this needed Proof, I would soon bring Instances from Scripture; but taking it for granted, let us now a little examine our Practice.

AND in this both Time and Room would fail to enumerate at large, the many Ways and Inventions People have Industriously found out to spend their Time vainly and frivolously; and besides, the Purpose for which God in his Favour has been pleased to give it to them. Yet a few things I may Touch on.

AND to begin with the Honestest first, that is, In seeking what we shall eat and drink, and wherewith to be clothed. Industry and a moderate Care, are undoubtedly the Duty of Persons in this World, and the Practice too of Provident and Honest Men; but instead of this Moderation, How many extend their whole Appetites, and imploy all the Faculties of their Minds to get Riches, without being almost any way concerned for the Better Part? The like Practice gave Occasion for That Caution from our Lord and Saviour, *Take heed lest at any Time your Hearts are overcome with Cares of this Life, &c.*

BUT some may say, this Vice may more properly be attributed to Ambition and Covetousness,  
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or some such Cause, then to Idleness; Yet I think I rank it not here without Cause; not only since Vices are so near of Kin, and border one on another, but it's a kind of Industrious Idleness, if I may use the Term, a doing nothing to the chief Purpose, which is next to doing nothing at all; besides, I am not so much concerned to rank them in Order, as to tell you what I see may be an Hindrance to your Everlasting Welfare.

**BUT** how Idly is abundance of Time wasted, in Vain Complements and loose Entertainments? How much at Taverns and at Debauchees? What Time-spenders are Games of all sorts, Lotteries, Shows, and such like! And I am mistaken if we may not here rank Coffee-houses, and the excessive Chat that is usual on the Descants on News; where the Prime Ministers of State are censured, ordered and directed, by such as never yet came to order their own Conversations aright, though it abundantly nearer concerns them.

**THEN** what Time is thrown away, especially amongst the Women, in picking up their Neighbours Faults, in busying themselves about their Dresses, House-keeping, &c. which would be abundantly better spent in looking into their own Hearts that they may see how barren they are of that Fruit which is unto Holiness, and the End Everlasting Life.

I have been grieved in Spirit sometimes to see when a Mountebank and Jack-pudding comes to Town to expose their Ribaldry, Lyes, Impudence and Nonsense, what a multitude flock together, what Hurries and Rejoycing; but when any come concerned in Soul to shew unto People the way of Life, no Body takes notice of them, or if they do, it is to Mock

and Ridicule, if not Abuse and Persecute them, like the *Jews* of Old, who would have *Barrabas* Released, but *Jesus* Crucified.

I am almost weary of wadeing amongst this Filth of Idleness, yet must say something to that Time-Consuming Dressing to such Excess, That they sometimes want place to expose their Galantry to Publiok View, so these must to the Dancing-house, to the Ball, or at least to some Gossip, to make Ostentation of their Bravery.

AND in all these Things, how is the Love of God neglected? How are the Offers of his Kindness slighted? and what Account can such render to him for his Mercies bestowed upon them? When they must appear Naked and Unclothed before his Just Tribunal? Methinks they should Tremble to Think of this.

I have yet in my Mind the Third thing, which is said to draw down the dreadful Wrath of God on those Cities of Old, which when I have written of, I hope to bring this long Letter to a brief Conclusion; And that was Fulness of Bread, by which was intended undoubtedly all manner of Riotous and Wanton Living.

AS to the Judgment of our Lord and Saviour on such a Course of Life, you have I (believe) often read in the Parable concerning the Rich Man and poor *Lazarus*, *Luke* 16. Yet sure it is, all the Threatnings and Promises of Law and Gospel, Though in themselves Effectual, yet are not of Effect to draw someinish Riotous Persons from the Alurements of Sin, in Contradiction to Christ and all his Ministers and Messengers, they are resolved to Indulge their Brutish Appetites till they become like Beasts, some Eating and

and Drinking away all Remembrance of Death and Judgment, and the Pipe and Viol, and the Harp and Wine, are in their Feasts, but they, &c. *Isa. 5. 11. 12.*

**OTHERS**, through Lust and Filthiness, devoting themselves to the Service of the Devil, whom though the Lord call many times by his Grace and Spirit, yet seem to be so charmed and bewitched by the Deceitfulness of Sin, that they cannot come forth out of those vile Entanglements, wherein being insnared by their Enemy, they are drawn down, as it were, quick into Hell.

**IS** it not Time for People to be Rowfed from the Bed of Carnal Security? Is it not high time for a whom the Lord concerns to cry, *Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee Light.*

I would this Call may be of Advantage to you and may at least Stir up some of you to lay hold of God's Grace and Mercy, while its freely offered, and before you go down to the Grave, and the Eye that seeth you, shall see you no more.

**THEREFORE**, in the Love of God, I Advise and Caution, Beware of those Seasons of Eating and Drinking to Excess, and the Company that lead thitherward; let the Fear of God be upon your Spirits, how soon else may poor Souls be betrayed, especially amongst Sociable Companions, whether on board Ships or on Shoar, amongst Glasses and Cups and Guns and Huzza's, where People usually forget God and the Poor, who might be plentifully provided for, out of what they wastfully spend in Excess.

**BUT** I know not how to pass without a Rem



on that great Vanity of shooting Guns at Entertainments; 'tis true, it does not so much transform a Man into a Beast as Excessive Drinking doth, but is an unaccountable Vanity, the Temptations to it (like the great Sin of Swearing) not lying in the nature of Men, and only introduced by foolish Customs: How might the Poor be provided for out of these superfluous Expences; Men be preserved in greater degrees of Sobriety, and God over all Honoured and Adored, who is worthy for ever?

FROM this Excess of Riot, proceeds many times Quarrellings, Fightings, Wounds and Bruises, and Diseases of sundry sorts; who hath redness of Eyes, who hath Wounds, &c. we find Drink and Lust to be the frequent Occasions of these Things; whereas Temperance and Chastity are acceptable to God, and ornamental and healthful to the Children of Men.

I could largely trace those things, but I rather hint at them, not desiring my Letter should grow so Bulky as to be therefore cast by, by any of you, who pretend to be Men of Business, yet neglect the chief concern.

BUT the Covetous Practices of some here occur, Who not only violently pursue their Profit, but by unlawful means reach after it; I will not here discuss the Lawfulness of dealing in Prizes, and Encouraging those Legal Robbers: As also of Clandestine Depriving the Government of Duties on Goods: Some I fear in these Cases are Case-hardned; no stroke of Conscience can make Impression on them, through long Custom and Indulging themselves therein: But these Things do not trouble you, pray what think you of False Weights, and Scales or Stillyards suited thereto? Do you think such Ungodly Gain will profit your Souls in the Day when the Secrets of all hearts shall be manifested through our Lord Jesus Christ?

I have now pretty well (though briefly) gone through the Disquisition of some of those Things which stand in the way of your Eternal Happiness; and Oh! that you may have Hearts to consider, and understand, how much it relates to your Truest Interest, *To cease to do Evil*, which you must come to, before ever you can obtain that second and more advanced Lesson, *Learn to do well*.

I will consent with you, that Man in his Natural State, or Simply of himself, is unable to perform either First or Second Part of this Lesson; but God hath not left himself without a Witness; If thou hast Convictions and Reproofs upon thy Mind for thy Misdeeds, Thou art yet in a saveable State, provided thou *Turn to the Lord*, whilst his *Day of Visitation* lasts, as aforesaid.

**'TIS** to this very Purpose that I set Pen to Paper, that you may in this your Day, remember the things that belong to your Peace, before they are hid from your Eyes.

I have not writ to oblige any Party or Sect, nor to draw to this or the other Form or Profession of Religion, but to gather to *Shiloh* the peaceable Saviour, and all those who are going that way, I hope I may call my Friends, Brethren, and Fellow Travellers.

**BUT** if People will still persist in their Iniquity, and will Cast the Fear of God behind their Backs, after the many Warnings and Visitations of his Love, I really fear the Lord will call them to a speedier Account than they are aware of, and will pour down his Wrath, and Indignation in such manner, as they little expect.

**LIKE** Sins, oftentimes draws down like Judgments: Did God punish the Old World with an U

niversal Deluge? Did he overwhelm *Sodom and Gomorrah*, and the Cities of the Plain? Nay, have we not seen what he did in our Day at *Port-Royal* and in *Sicily*, &c. And what can we expect if we continue to do wickedly, but to be destroyed? *Sam. 12. 25.*

**TIS** said, *Malachy the 4th, The Day cometh that shall burn as an Oven, and all the proud and all that do wickedly shall be as Stubble, and the Day that cometh shall burn them up, and shall leave them neither Root nor Branch: But to you that fear my Name shall the Son of Righteousness arise, &c.*

**THEREFORE** you Bowed down Mourners in *Sion*, who pass the Time of your Sojourning in God's Fear, let Your Hearts be glad in Him, He will provide for you; Persevere in the Way of Holiness; Travel on towards the Kingdom; The Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to his Temple.

**THIS** to you is a Letter of Love; a Salutation of Brotherly-Kindness; where-ever you are, and among what sort of People soever you may be, The Lord knows you, though I may not; he is acquainted with your Sighs and Bottles up your Tears; to whom I recommend you with mine own Soul.

**BUT** to others, it's a Warning and Seasonable Exhortation, which my Soul, in the Love of God, was moved to send to you; and I would none might Cavil at it in their Fleshly Wisdom; but while they have an Ear may hear what the Spirit says; *As for me I seek not their Applause, nor shall I much value their Censures; I have a much greater Testimony what my End and Design in these Lines hath been: I shall be glad if it may be Instrumental, to retrieve or draw back any Wandring Soul to the Sheepfold of Jesus; but if not, I shall be thus far Clear of their Blood: Being in the Bowels of Jesus,*

*Your True and Faithful Friend and Monitor,*

11th 3d Month, 1709.

**THO. GWIN.**